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1. On 25 May I called to the attention of Mr. Philip Allen, Chief Clerk of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the fact that the Senate Rules Committee was scheduled to meet on 26 May, and that this would be the first opportunity for the Committee to consider S. Con. Res. 69. Senator Saltonstall was then alerted by members of his staff, and he appeared before the Rules Committee together with Senator Mansfield. The Rules Committee has taken no action as yet on the Resolution. Neither Mr. Minot, of Sen. Saltonstall's office, nor Mr. Herter, of the Vice President's office, has as yet been able to receive any reading on the Committee's attitude, but we will continue to follow up on this matter.

2. The Assistant to Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D., Tex.), Senate Minority Leader, informs me that Sen. Johnson is quite anxious to receive a CIA briefing, but that his present schedule, between his leadership duties and campaigning in Texas, makes it impossible for him to set a definite date. He therefore wishes to keep the matter open and will inform us as soon as he sees free time, with the hope that we will be able to accommodate him.

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5. In reply to his query on behalf of the Internal Security Subcommittee, I have informed Mr. Arens that we have no information to indicate any extensive trade relations between Argentina and Czechoslovakia, although the Czechs maintain an embassy and ~~maintain~~ commercial ties in Buenos Aires. Arens asked if we proposed keeping the situation under continuing review, and I assured him that we were watching the whole area with care.

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